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POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue N.W., Suite 200
Washington DC 20268-0001

Re. Andrew Post Office Closing

Dear Ms. Goldway,

My name is JoAnne Gregorich and I am the General Manager of Andrew Telephone Company. This letter is my request for you to leave the Andrew Post Office fully operational because its closing would not only be detrimental for our business, but would be another blow to a community that has already had its share of closings in the last year.

Andrew Telephone Company has recently been purchased by the La Motte Telephone Company, of which I am also General Manager. We purchased Andrew Telephone Company to operate as a separate entity so the community of Andrew would not lose another major business. La Motte Telephone Company uses its own local post office on a daily basis. We run several hundreds of dollars through that post office each month. We anticipate that we will also be using several hundreds of dollars through the Andrew Post Office. We are a regulated industry, which means that we have documents that need to be sent to the federal government on a regular basis. These documents are sent overnight with return receipt, which usually costs around \$25.00 per document. We have one employee at the Andrew Telephone Office. If we need to have her lock the doors of the business and drive to Maquoketa to have these documents mailed or to pick up packages, it only adds to the cost of these documents. We not only would *not* have someone to answer calls from customers who may have service issues, we may miss the calls of new customers who call or customers who try to stop into our office to do business with us.

Andrew is a small community in rural Iowa, but they have a lot going on in their community. They have a school, telephone office, gas stations, a bank branch, mom and pop establishments, and agriculture businesses. All of these institutions rely on a local postal system to keep in contact with customers, to get bills paid on time, to send and receive packages, and to assist in management of their day-to-day operations. The closing of the Andrew Post Office would jeopardize these day-to-day operations.

I have given you a brief look into the importance of the Andrew Post Office and why I feel that it is important for my business as well as the other businesses in the community of Andrew. I ask that you not pursue the closing of the Andrew Post Office.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "JoAnne Gregorich". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

JoAnne Gregorich
General Manager
Andrew Telephone Company

Cc: Postmaster General Patrick R Donahue
Iowa Governor Terry E. Branstad
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Congressman Bruce Braley
Senator Todd Bowman
Representative Brian Moore
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